by the UN to expand the UN Security Council, an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) was set up in 1993, where discussions have taken place on all aspects of the reform and restructuring of the UN Security Council. The Working Group, however, has not been able to reach any decisions in this regard.

(b) to (c) There is growing momentum in support of India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Several countries-permanent members as well as others-have openly expressed support for India's candidature either in the UN or in the context of bilateral exchanges. However, it is difficult to anticipate any specific time frame for reform or expansion of the UNSC, in view of the diverse perceptions of various countries on the specifics of such reforms.

Terrorist activities of Pakistan

1007. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Pak President's statement made on 3rd October, 2003, that an end to terrorist activities cannot be guaranteed;

(b) whether it is a fact that irritated by the continuous killings of terrorists, Pakistan may wage a nuclear war against India any time;

(c) if so, whether Government have made adequate preparedness to deal with such an eventuality;

(d) whether Government have drawn the attention of America and other countries of the world towards these activities of Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Contrary to facts, Pakistani leaders have from time to time stated, *inter alia,* that no infiltration is taking place across the Line of Control, and that it is not possible for Pakistan to ensure a complete end to cross border infiltration.

(b) Pakistani leaders have, from time to time, suggested a deterrence role for Pakistan's nuclear capability.

†Original notice of trie question was received in Hindi.

(c) Government continuously monitor threats to India's security and territorial integrity and take appropriate steps to deal with them.

(d) and (e) Government have been apprising the international community about Pakistan's continued support and sponsorship of cross border terrorism directed against India, and its being an epicentre of international terrorism. Many countries have repeatedly called upon Pakistan to put an end to cross border terrorism and infiltration; to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism; and to stop acting as a platform for international terrorism.

Talks between India and Canada

1008. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently India and Canada have decided to formalize Ministerial level talks on a yearly basis;

(b) if so, what are the areas of cooperation;

(c) whether Canada has announced any financial grant in the educational and health sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) During the visit of Canadian Prime Minister Mr. Jean Chretien to India in October 2003, India and Canada decided to formalize their Foreign Minister-level dialogue, which will now take place annually. The dialogue will include cooperative activities in bilateral and multilateral areas of mutual interest.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Foreign direct investment in Iraq

1009. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iraq is seeking foreign direct investment